

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES

OF

LEGISLATORS

AND

STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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1876.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

Counties. — Navarro, Limestone and Freestone.

SENATOR JOHN R. HENRY was born April 16th, 1815, in Belmont county, Tennessee, where he grew up and received his education. In the spring of 1837 he came to Texas with the purpose of making it his permanent place of abode. He served for a time in a company of border rangers, and subsequently lived in various parts of the State, settling in Limestone county in 1846, where he is now largely engaged both in farming and merchandizing.

Mr. Henry was once a Whig, but since the dissolution of that party he has acted zealously with the Democrats. He was a member of the Secession Convention of Texas, being elected to fill the unexpired term of Hon. John Gregg, elected to take a seat in the Confederate States Congress. Being highly esteemed and universally respected for his honesty and integrity of purpose, he was selected as a Democratic candidate for the

State Senatorship, and made the race without opposition. He makes a faithful legislator, and besides serving on several very important committees is chairman of the one on Public Claims and Accounts.

Having attained the ripe age of 61 years, and still strong in body and firm in mind, Mr. Henry fills an important place in society. He is a married man, a kind friend and worthy citizen, and his countenance bespeaks for him the character of a pure and good man.